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Everyone loves a parade

Raining on a Luther rivalry

KWAR, "the ONE for college pranks," struck Luther once again. Kerry Weldon, one of the many Wartburg students who "infiltrated" Luther's Homecoming parade Saturday, shows her Knight loyalty. More on the Wartburg/Luther rivalry on pages 6 and 7.

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Counseling alleviates depression in student

by Sara Baker
Editor

Matt* remembers sitting in a rocking chair in a counselor's office, frantically shuttling it back and forth.

"It was tough sitting in his office, waiting for him to figure out why I was there. And I looked down and realized I was rocking like a madman," he says.

Matt, a senior at Wartburg, was there because he was tired of living with depression. For years, he felt lonely, inadequate and full of self-loathing. He tried to cover up his inner turmoil with lies, alcohol and a busy schedule, but last winter he wasn't able to keep up the facade.

With the encouragement of his friends he decided to seek help, and that's why he found himself in a therapist's office in April, nervously rocking.

"The reason I feel completely different and brand-spanking-new four months later is because my friends wouldn't let me lie to them anymore. The reason I am where I am is because the people closest to me talked about it, and they wouldn't let me lie to them anymore. And I gave up. I was tired of fighting it. I wanted to get better. I wanted to be happy like other people were. I was insanely jealous of that in other people," he says.

Matt wasn't sure what to expect in his first counseling session.

"It was difficult, but I knew within the first five minutes that I'd made the right decision. After the session I said 'I'm going to give this a try because this might be the answer,' " he says.

One of the biggest reservations Matt had about treating his depression was the possibility of being prescribed mood-altering drugs.

"I don't buy into Prozac, and I don't buy into the thought of medication. On the first day of counseling, [my therapist] said 'I want to try the counseling angle. This is treatable without medication.' And that really eased my fears," Matt said.

He met with his counselor every two weeks during the summer.

> *"People have commented that I'm happier. I have a new attitude and that makes me feel very good."*

"My therapist and I just talked about stuff, how I feel about things. I looked forward to every single session, and after ever session I felt wonderful," he says.

Matt's life today is changed.

"I have never felt this way. I don't know what living a normal, happy, healthy life is. I'm just learning. I wake up every morning, and I'm happy to be alive, and I'm excited about what I'm doing. I haven't been excited about being alive in 10 years — half my life," he says. "I like myself. I'm happy to be who I am. I'm proud of myself. I feel I deserve to be happy."

According to Matt, his concept of happiness is different now.

"Before, happiness to me was if something went well, I could maybe feel happy about it. It was not a daily thing. It was based on accomplishments," he says. "But now, I feel giddy. The other day, I felt so full of joy that I was just dumb happy. It's great. I used to go all week without feeling good once. People have commented that I'm happier. I have a new attitude, and that makes me feel very good. That confirms my belief that I did have a problem, and now I'm in a continuous solution."

His relationships with his friends is another area of his life that has improved.

"I'm just learning about emotional ties, and it's maybe the most exciting thing in my life. I like my friends now. I'm willing to openly admit that I care about people. And that's exciting because I was very focused on not having ties with anyone because I was afraid of losing people. I allow my friends to show that they care about me and support me. I had never allowed them to show that," he says.

The death of Matt's sister, which worsened his depression when he was younger, was one thing that stood in the way of him forming close relationships. His counseling sessions allowed him to change that.

"When my sister died, that left a huge void. And for a long time you keep things out of the void because you don't want things replacing your

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**Not his real name*

Campus briefs

WITHDRAWING FROM A CLASS

The deadline to withdraw from a class and receive a "W" is Nov. 2. It is important to remember that to be considered a full time sudent and keep the same financial aid package, a student must take a minimum of three credits.

SPACES OPEN IN B LOT

Parking spaces are still available in B lot. Students wishing to move their registration from D lot to B lot should contact the security office at 8372.

STUDENTS PRESENT CONCERT

"4 in a 2-way Mirror," a concert by Allie Brauhn, Dan Gerrietts, Angela Neve and Nick Robertson will be presented Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. They will be sharing original songs and testimonies in a Christ-centered concert setting.

SING YOUR PRAISE TO THE LORD

Spiritsong, a faith expression group of campus ministry, is looking for interested members. Rehearsals are Thursdays at 9 p.m. in the choir room. Spiritsong sings contemporary Christian choral music, occasionally goes on outings to churches and provides music for campus worship. To learn more about Spiritsong, call Wendy Cox at extension 7765.

CHRISTMAS WITH WARTBURG TICKETS

Wartburg students may order Christmas with Wartburg tickets (limit one per student) by completing a ticket request at the Visitors Center on Oct. 27, 28 or 29. Students may order tickets for the Candlelight and Music Dinner after the Sunday performance at the same time.

Performances include Thurs., Dec. 3, Waverly, 7:30 p.m.; Fri., Dec. 4, Nazareth Lutheran Church, Cedar Falls, 8 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 5, Des Moines Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.; Sun., Dec. 6, Waverly, 3 p.m.

Ticket requests from the public will be accepted only by mail. All mail orders should be postmarked no earlier than Oct. 26 and must include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, since all tickets will be issued by mail. Ticket orders postmarked prior to Oct. 26 and telephone, group and e-mail requests will not be honored. Orders should indicate both the date of the performance and the number of tickets you are requesting. There is a limit of four tickets per request. Individuals are also encouraged to give a first and second choice on performance dates. For more information, call the Christmas with Wartburg information line at 352-8329.

All groups are encouraged to attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 p.m. in Neumann Auditorium. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m.

FALL BREAK

Fall Break begins Thursday at 7:35 a.m. Classes resume Monday at 7:45 a.m.

Students may remain in the residence halls over Fall Break if they sign up with their RA or in the residential life office today. Staff will check rooms to see that they are secured on Thursday morning.

Snodgrass to speak at convo

College Relations

W.D. SNODGRASS

American poet W.D. Snodgrass, author of 35 volumes of poetry, songs and critical essays, will be on campus today and Tuesday for two public presentations.

He will give a reading from his volume of poetry, "The Fuehrer Bunker," at 7 tonight in Voecks Auditorium of the Becker Hall of Science. There will be a discussion of his book following the reading.

Tuesday morning he will present a contemporary literature convocation at 9:30 in Neumann Auditorium.

It will be a multimedia presentation that combines readings from his book, "W.D.'s Midnight Carnival," and slides of corresponding paintings.

The public is invited to attend both events without charge.

Snodgrass, who earned his B.A., M.A. and M.F.A. degrees at the University of Iowa, is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Delaware, where he taught from 1979 to 1994.

He also taught at Cornell University, the University of Rochester, Wayne State University, Syracuse University and Old Dominion.

He appears regularly at writers' conferences, the most recent being the San Miguel Poetry Week last January.

His writings have won numerous awards and grants, including the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1960, the Ingram-Merrill Award in 1958 and again in 1979, the Guinness Poetry Award from Great Britain, a Guggenheim Fellowship, an honorary degree from Allegheny College and two awards for translation of Romanian literature.

Vandals strike vehicles

Sarah Christopherson/TRUMPET

VANDALS—People are always at risk of having their car broken into. How risky is it for Wartburg students to have their cars parked in campus lots?

by Aaron Horman
Layout Editor

Vandals broke windows and stole compact disc players from nine cars on campus Wednesday morning.

A Wartburg security officer was conducting his routine inspection of parking lots at 2 a.m. when he heard the sound of smashing glass in D lot, said John Myers, director of security.

The officer noticed two individuals approximately 75 yards down in the lot. When the individuals spotted the officer, they took off running north toward the railroad tracks into the darkness, he said.

Security immediately contacted the Waverly Police Department. Both forces began combing the area, but nobody was found.

Seven cars from D lot had windows broken, and several of these were also missing their CD players. Later in the morning, students discovered two cars in N lot also had broken windows and missing stereos.

A car parked on a Waverly side street was also burglarized, but the owner of the car has no Wartburg connection.

The cases are being handled by the Waverly police. No arrests have been made, but they do have two suspects.

Detachable faces to a couple of the CD players were found on the ground. Myers believes the Waverly police were able to detect fingerprints from them.

There just isn't enough concrete evidence to arrest them yet, Myers said. They (Waverly police) are waiting for fingerprints to match up or for somebody to rat on them.

"Somebody was obviously wanting CD players, and D lot looked like a gold mine to them," Myers said.

Waverly police have notified local pawn shops in Waverly, Cedar Falls, Waterloo and surrounding communities, in case the suspects would try to sell the CD players for cash.

"We're watching the lots much closer now," he said. "We always watch the lots pretty well though."

Myers said he hasn't seen an incident this big since he assumed his position last fall.

The last wave of vandalism reported on campus was during May Term when windows were broken, antennas snapped and doors dented on six vehicles parked in college lots.

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sister. But now I know that people can fill that void, but they won't replace her," he says.

The combination of counseling and a desire to heal is what helped Matt overcome his depression.

"It was because I was tired of fighting it and I had to do something. I faced it by talking about things with my therapist and with my friends, and I was able to bring about the change that I have," he says. "There came a point where I had to quit running. I had to turn around and face it. That was a very empowering time. Once I came to the realization that it was something I could handle, it was empowering."

Despite the vast improvements to his mental well-being, Matt says the therapy wasn't a miracle-fix. He is still concerned about the presence of depression in his life.

"Everything is so new I don't know where to put myself. I don't know where to fit in. This much change is a little scary. I feel like I'm on a roller coaster. Things are fine right now, but I could go teetering off the tracks," he says.

When he finds himself falling into his old habits, like isolating himself from others, he wonders if the old defense mechanisms are creeping back into his life.

"I still do fall in those patterns and I constantly reexamine everything, looking for an ulterior motive," he says.

Matt says he has two main concerns when he thinks about his future: the eventual loss of his support system and the possibility of a relapse.

Since he's a senior, he's readying himself to leave Wartburg. Once he does, the emotional suppport systems he's established here will be severed.

In addition, he worries that his current emotional state won't be consistent.

"I'm constantly concerned that I'll relapse. Things are going so well, but I'm terribly afraid that if I have a few setbacks in my professional life or things outside my emotional realm, I'll relapse. That's my greatest fear. I've been on that other side and it's awful. I don't want to go back there again," he says.

Although Matt is not regularly attending therapy sessions, he goes periodically to stay on track.

"I want to keep in contact with [my therapist] to keep me on the right path," he says. "I'm going to force myself to make the time and go back. I want to keep working things through because I want to stay this way. I want to feel this happy forever and I think there are still things to be learned at this time.

"I worry that I'll always have to deal with this, which is most likely the case. But at least now I have some tools to cope with it, and at least I understand what's going on."

The timing of Matt's recovery isn't a coincidence, he says.

"God has a plan for everything. It was time for me to get help. The friends God had brought to me were there at the right time to help. My friends cared about me enough to reach out and help me when I needed the help and wasn't strong enough to say that I did," he says. "God has a plan for me. It was time for me to get back in line with His plan."

Snider, pastors offers help for those in need

by Sara Baker
Editor

Sharon Snider, director of counseling at Wartburg, will vouch for the benefits of counseling if a student is feeling depressed.

"I would say, don't hesitate to get help. Often, it doesn't get better on its own. If symptoms have gone on for two weeks or longer, it's a clinical situation, and they need to seek assistance," she said. "People shoudn't allow themselves to suffer like that."

Snider said students who feel depressed can turn to a variety of resources for help. On campus, the Counseling Center and Pastor Larry Trachte and Pastor Ramona Bouzard are available.

"If students feel comfortable with the campus pastors or me, they shouldn't hesitate to come in," she said.

On a campus like Wartburg, students are sometimes concerned about confidentiality, but Snider said that isn't a problem.

"We're such a small campus, some students are afraid it will get out that they're going to the counseling center. But it's more of a fear than a reality," she said. "Sometimes they're hesitant that what they say is going to get beyond the counseling office, which is not the case. They will stay inside the room."

If students don't want to stay on-campus for help, Waverly has two other options: Cedar Valley Mental Health and Psychiatric Associates.

According to Snider, counseling isn't scary.

"It's not as scary as you think it is. You're not going to lay down on a couch. You'll be sitting straight up talking to someone. Generally, after the first session, people are really comfortable and the reality is it really can be helpful," she said.

Wartburg grad educates about AIDS

by Sarah Thomsen
Staff Writer

Fall break, Outfly, Homecoming. They're all highlighted in most student's activity planners, but there's one thing missing.

October is AIDS Awareness Month, and the Health and Wellness Center is on a mission to educate students about the disease.

The Health and Wellness Center is working with the Student Health Awareness Committee (SHAC), the Centennial Complex, Tri-Beta, the Manors, Cedar Valley Hospice, the religion department, campus ministry, the social work department, KWAR, Grossmann Hall and food service to plan events. Members of each group have formed a task force to help organize the AIDS-related activities.

"One highlight of the month will be the visit by Earl Alexander, a Wartburg graduate, who has had AIDS for 11 years," said sophomore Dina Tannous, committee chairperson.

Alexander will arrive Tuesday and spend the day visiting with students and speaking to classes. He will also be available for one-on-one sessions with students in the afternoon.

"Earl Alexander is very willing to teach students or just sit down and talk issues with them."

—Dina Tannous
sophomore

"He's very willing to teach students or just sit down and talk issues with them," Tannous said.

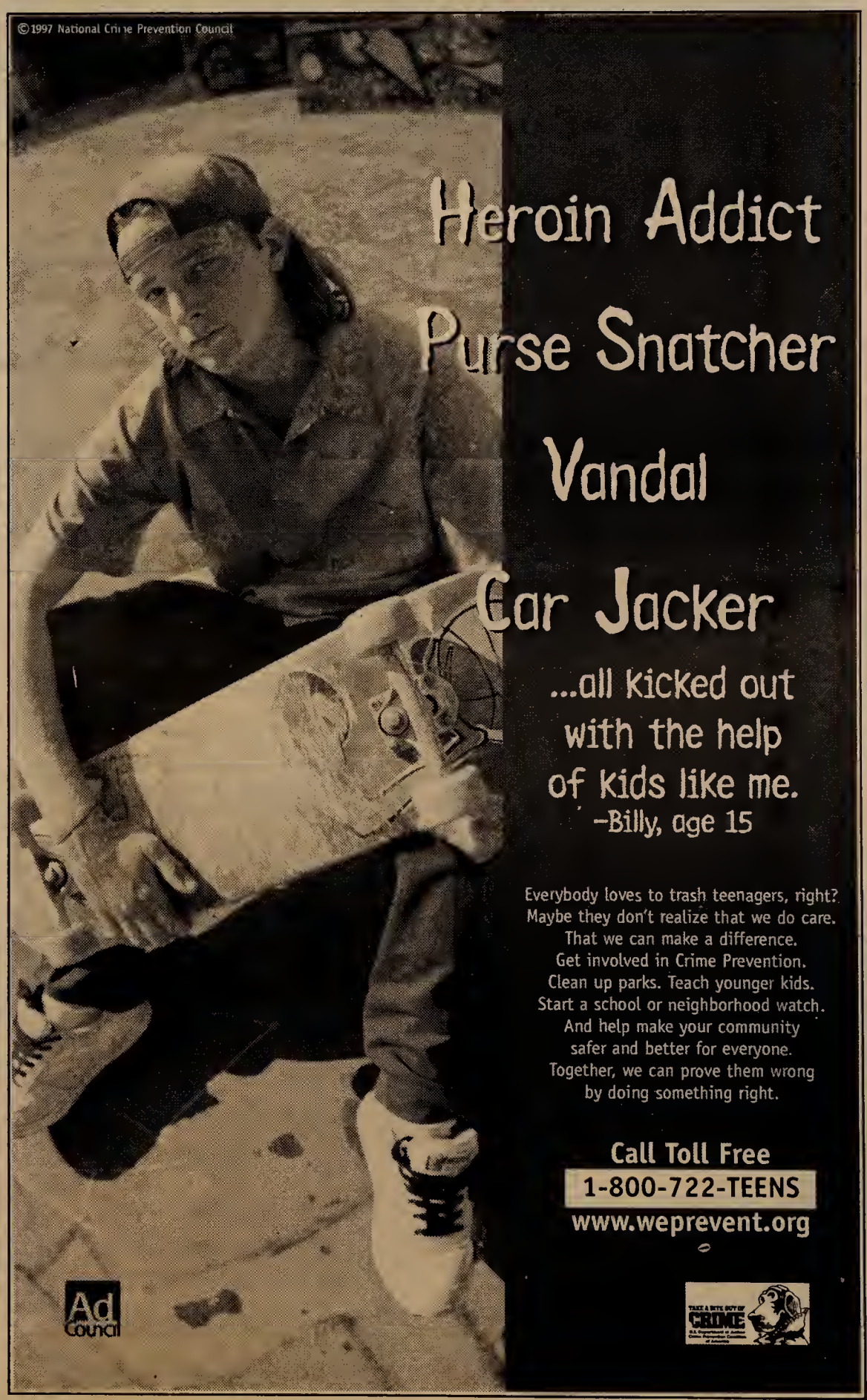
Students will have the opportunity to visit with Alexander at dinner in the East Room or at the discussion session in Centennial one lounge that night.

"We'll have music at 8:30 p.m. before he [Alexander] will talk. We want students to realize learning about AID can be interesting," Tannous.

The month's activities culminate with the display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in Buhr Lounge Oct. 26 and 27.

"We're excited to have the quilt come to Wartburg, especially since two panels on the quilt are from Waverly families. It shows [AIDS] is close to home," said Randi Ellefson, RN and director of the Health and Wellness Center.

"We hope that through the work this month, students will understand AIDS better and realize that there are many ways to stop it. But we think the best way is through education, so that's what we're trying to do," said Tannous.



Wolf steps in to fill vacancy

by Felicita Nanuses
Staff Writer

"I am enthused by the diversity and quality of students at Wartburg and look forward to promoting opportunities for American and international students and broadening their horizons" said Dr. Linda Wolf, the new international student director.

Wolf took over the position, which was left vacant when Janet Alexander left in January.

As a native Iowan from Oskaloosa, she finished her undergraduate studies in her home town at William Penn University, where she later worked as an international student advisor. After receiving her masters degree from the University of Missouri, she pursued her Doctorate in International and Global Education from Iowa State University.

Wolf brings to Wartburg more than 16 years of experience working with international students. She taught in the education department, supervised student teachers, was freshman advisor and part of the first year experience team and was an international student director.

In 1992, Wolf was part of the Iowa Fullbright team in Russia. She has also been involved in the Iowa Global Village. She serves on the regional and national team for NAFSA Association of International Educators, and plans to take a few international students with her when she goes to Wartburg West in Denver next year to attend a NAFSA conference.

"I look forward to the focus and diversity of international activity here at Wartburg and would like to engage Wartburg students in events that are at a state and collegiate level," said Wolf.

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Grad on the path to Statehouse

by Sara Baker
Editor

Kerry Wright knows how to knock on doors.

The soon-to-be 24-year-old Wartburg graduate is running for a seat in the Iowa House of Representatives. She is the youngest legislative candidate in Iowa, and she's going door-to-door to meet her constituents.

Wright, who lives in Grinnell, said her youth hasn't hurt her credibility as a candidate.

"I started early. I planted a seed, and it's now blooming. I had to prove myself early on. At 23 or 24, it's tough. I've gotten one door slammed in my face because I was too young — just one," she said.

According to Wright, the political precedent is there.

"Terry Branstad won his first race when he was 24, so this has been done. So I'm following history, but history hasn't told us that a young woman can do this," she said. "It's tough, but it can be done, and it has been done," she said.

Wright is campaigning to represent District 58, which is made up of all of Poweshiek County, one-third of Jasper County and slices of Mahaska and Marshall counties. Her opponent is incumbent Republican Danny Carroll, assistant majority leader of the House.

Although he is an incumbent member of the House, Carroll's seniority doesn't worry Wright.

"He has a voting record to defend, and some of his votes I feel were wrong when it comes to education and hog confinements," she said.

Wright, who was unopposed in the Democratic primary, said she wanted to offer residents of District 58 another option.

"The people in this district need a choice, whether that choice is breakfast cereal or a candidate," she said.

Wright said her job as a clerk at the Iowa State House in 1998 sparked the idea to run for office.

"It was there that I saw our priorities are wrong. Pigs, poker and prisons are the priorities. We need to talk about pencils, proper nouns and prepositions," she said.

Her priorities if elected include education, local control of swine confinements and conversations about a methamphetamine strike force.

Wright said her Wartburg education prepared her for her foray into the political realm.

"All the hands-on internships you have to have to graduate taught me to communicate well — to write well and to speak well. Wartburg also taught me to make good decisions," she said.

In addition to clerking at the Statehouse, she was an intern in Hillary Clinton's White House office in 1997, and she worked in U.S. Senator Tom Harkin's office the summer of 1996. She also worked as a press intern for the Iowa Democratic Party.

Today, however, "I'd rather be sitting at a legislator's desk than a clerk's desk," she said. In the meantime, she works as an after-school daycare teacher.

Wright said her political involvement grew during her college years, when she was heavily involved in Young Democrats and the Iowa caucuses.

"I became involved, interested, a concerned citizen in college," she said.

One of the biggest challenges in launching a successful campaign is money. Although Wright spends much of her time fundraising, this isn't the way she thinks it should be.

Courtesy of College Relations

FROM THE WHITE HOUSE TO THE STATEHOUSE—1997 Wartburg graduate Kerry Wright shakes hands with First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Wright was an intern in the First Lady's White House office and is now running for an office in the Iowa state legislature.

"It's expensive. We need to take the 'For Sale' sign off Terrace Hill and the sale tags off the House and Senate. The price tags are too steep," she said.

Because of the high cost of campaigns, Wright has turned to members of the public and the private sector. In addition to donations from private citizens, Wright has asked the Iowa State Educators Association and other unions to support her bid for the Statehouse.

"I'm following history, but history hasn't told us that a young woman can do this ... It's tough, but it can be done and it has been done."

—Kerry Wright, '97
State legislative candidate

According to Wright, her age wasn't a deterrent for her financial supporters.

"With being the young candidate, you have experience. But your experience is different than the incumbent's," she said.

Wright's schedule in the last weeks before the election is hectic. Her typical day starts with calls in the morning to raise money for her campaign. She often attends neighborhood coffees or lunches where she meets with constituents to discuss issues. She goes to work in the afternoon, and in the evenings she puts on her tennis shoes and heads out to start knocking on doors.

"I take one day at a time, one door at a time. I need to go meet the people and spread my message. And I haven't been talking much this campaign; I've been listening," she said. "This is my community. I grew up in it; it's my hometown."

Wright's supporters are a cross section of her district: teachers, businesspeople, members of the Grinnell College community, farmers.

One group that has supported her is women. Wright sent a letter challenging 100 women to support her bid for the Statehouse, and she was successful.

"I wanted to get 100 women behind me financially, and it's happened," she said.

Besides knocking on doors, Wright is relying on newspaper ads, radio commercials, direct mailings and yard signs.

"It's important for name recognition, name identification," she said.

No matter the results of the Nov. 3 election, Wright is pleased with what she's achieved.

"Personally, we've already won. I've met so many people. I've set so many goals for myself, and I've met them," she said. "It's so much fun."

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The next issue will be published Nov. 2.

Double, double, toil and trouble

HALLOWEEN JAMBOREE

BOO

SQUEEAKK

by Katie Schatz and John Borleske
Staff Writers

Be brave, be dressed up and be ready to dance the night away.

Halloween is coming to Wartburg College.

This year's festivities will include a haunted house sponsored by the Manors, a Halloween dance sponsored by the Wartburg College Concert Bands (WCCB), a movie sponsored by Campus Activities Board (CAB) and a haunted hall sponsored by Vollmer One.

Haunted House

For the second year in a row, there will be a haunted house on the Wartburg campus.

The Manors Haunted House will be open for public viewing Thursday, Oct. 29 from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Six of the manors are working together to create the haunted house: Ernst, Schmidt, Cornis, Chellevold, Wiederanders, and Ottersburg Manors.

Last year, Swensen Manor came up with the idea for a haunted house. The residents of the manor created a haunted house out of their dorm rooms and lounges.

Those who attended the event where sent in one at time to walk the house alone.

Students who attended last year's haunted house deemed it a success.

"I thought the haunted house was really creative. It was really fun, and I screamed a lot," said junior Rachel Martel.

Although the house will not be open Halloween night, the Manors' residents said they think more people will come to the haunted house.

Thursday is the ideal day, according to Teresa Fruehling, Manors representative, because it is not a weekend, which would see the departure of many Wartburg students.

This would most likely make attendance low at the haunted house over the weekend.

Those wishing to attend may purchase tickets at the door for $1.

Halloween Movie

In a sequel to last year's Halloween weekend, CAB will be sponsoring another scary movie.

Saturday, Oct. 31, there will be a showing of "Scream 2," the sequel to last year's campus movie.

The free showing will be in Voecks Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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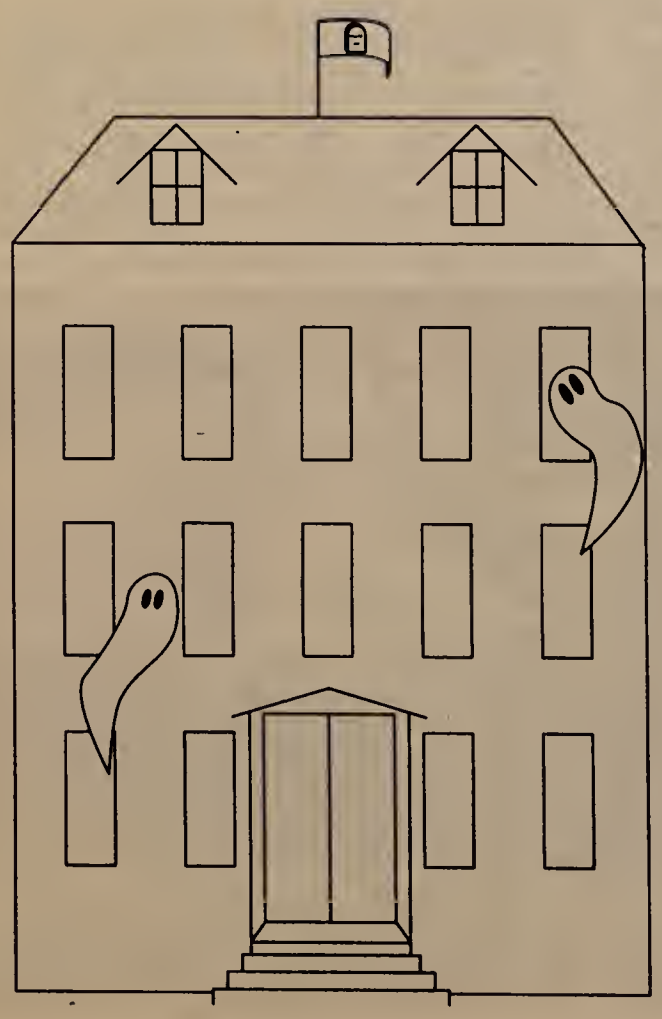

Halloween Dance

What do Jack-o-lanterns, costumes, music, fun and games have to do with the WCCB? Everything on Halloween.

The WCCB will host a Halloween costume party in Buhr Lounge Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 p.m. until midnight.

In its second year, the Halloween party is the bands' chance to show Wartburg a fun time.

"We know how to party," said band member Graham Schardt. As vice president of the Wind Ensemble, Schardt helps plan for the event.

"It's going to be bigger than last year," he said.

The party will feature DJs from the KWAR staff, a variety of concessions for sale and prizes awarded for games and best costumes.

At 11 p.m. Wartburg personalities such as Student Body President Pete Knoebel; Dr. Denis Drolet, professor of chemistry; Dr. Dan Black, professor of physical science; and Jane Austin from the cafeteria will judge the costumes.

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- originality
- creativity
- humor
- fright.

The three best costumes will win the most expensive of the prizes.

Dr. Craig Hancock, director of bands, said the event is not a money-maker.

"The Halloween party is a wonderful opportunity for the campus community. It's good for the campus and it's good for us [the bands]," he said.

Last year, Wartburg's Fall Break moved one week earlier on the school calendar, allowing students to spend Halloween on campus. This year is the same.

The WCCB decided to hold the Halloween dance last year in order to make the weekend a safe and fun environment for Wartburg students, faculty and staff.

"We want to make this an annual event," said Dr. Hancock. "Halloween can be fun!"

Admittance to the party is $1 with a costume, $2 without.

Haunted Hall

Vollmer One will be hosting a haunted hall the evening of Thursday, Oct. 29.

Graphics by Jaime Spratt and Nathan Friesen/TRUMPET

Wartburg Knights

A long history of rivalry betwe

Four decades of competition sees th

BY SARAH SPELT

It's a tradition that's been around since the 50s. It takes creativity, ingenuity and a whole lot of Wartburg spirit. The Wartburg rivalry with Luther College has long been intense, and and so have the pranks.

Jan Striepe, director of alumni and parent relations and graduate of the class of 1959, was a student at Wartburg when the pranking tradition began with the mystery of the missing Knight armor.

Striepe said at that time the Knight armor was kept in a special little cubicle in the P.E. Complex, which was "rather inaccessible," watching over the basketball court near the press box.

"All the sudden one day it was gone," she said.

Shortly after was the Wartburg vs. Luther basketball game at Luther in Decorah.

The gym was packed, and many Wartburg students were there; "I was there," said Striepe.

During half time, the Luther pep band played a song called, "Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue," but the Luther students had changed the words to "Five foot nine, does it shine, has anybody seen our Knight?" Striepe said as she sang the tune.

And then, the stolen Knight appeared. A couple of Luther students had sneaked into the P.E. Center and snatched the Knight.

To retaliate, Wartburg students painted Luther's statue of Martin Luther yellow.

"I think that was the start of the intense rivalry," said Striepe.

In years following, the pranks continued — though sometimes in a somewhat destructive way.

John Kurtt, Wartburg College athletics director and coach from 1961 until 1993, remembers one prank when he said students may have gone overboard trying to top each other.

"They [Luther students] put a big 'LC' in the middle of our [football] field," Kurtt said.

Wartburg students responded by burning a huge 'W' in the Luther football field.

Kurtt said they used a chemical called atrazene, so Luther had to dig down three feet to get rid of the Knights' symbol.

But apparently Luther hadn't dug deep enough because Kurtt said the big 'W' on the Norse field showed up for three years after the prank occurred.

"The vandalism is one of those that we tried to put a stop to," said Kurtt.

Dr. William Hamm, current president of Waldorf College and a 1966 Wartburg graduate, was a student when Wartburg and Luther instituted "the battle of the britches" tradition to continue the rivalry.

"Actually, I'm somewhat embarrassed to admit that the 'battle of the britches' was my idea. I'm embarrassed because my good friend Duane Shroeder later told me he thought it was the worst idea he'd ever heard," said Hamm.

The idea was that the student body president of whichever college lost the Wartburg vs. Luther football game had to remove his pants in front of the crowd and hand them over to the winning school's president.

"The intent was to try to improve the positive aspects of the rivalry and reduce the level of inappropriate behaviors," Hamm said. "David Hutson, '65, was the first president to lose his pants."

Hamm was Wartburg's student body president his senior year, and the game was at Luther.

"I planned carefully for an appropriate undergarment," he said. "We had a huge crowd, and we took a horse and someone in the suit of armor as a mascot for the day. We had a great time despite the freezing temperatures and the fact I lost a good pair of trousers!"

Striepe said she remembers the tradition, especially the year when both presidents were women sometime in the mid 70s. It had the potential to be a very sticky situation for president Cindy Kasper, '78, but Striepe said, "it was very tastefully done."

Striepe said she wore a denim skirt, which she gracefully removed and twirled above her head before handing over.

Dr. Paul Torkelson, class of '76, said another Wartburg tradition in the mid 70s was the "Mafia," a group of students who dressed in gangster outfits and carried violin cases to the basketball games.

The group walked into the gym for the first half of the games and sat right in the middle of the bleachers.

Dr. Fred Waldstein, class of '74, was a basketball player on the Wartburg team during this time when the Wartburg/Luther rivalry was extremely intense.

"It was very exciting," Waldstein said. "It was an intensity that created a festive atmosphere around the college."

The bleachers were always packed for every game; even at away games at Luther, there were almost more Wartburg fans than Luther fans, he said.

"The crowd enthusiasm can give you that extra momentum that makes a difference between winning and losing," said Waldstein of his experience. "It does definitely give you a lift ... makes you play better and harder."

Striepe said she remembers the gym being packed for the Wartburg vs. Luther games. The doors had to be locked at 6 p.m. because there was no more seating available.

"There was constant noise," she said.

Kurtt said when he was athletic director, there was reserved seating for the Wartburg/Luther games, and tickets for the Friday night games were sold out by Tuesday.

"The games now are nothing like the Wartburg/Luther games used to be," Striepe said.

"One time one of the Luther students came down in front of the crowd and proceeded to drop his pants and moon everyone," said Kurtt. The student spent the night in jail for his antics.

Since the start of the rivalry, the competition has varied in intensity, but pranks have always been a part of the tradition.

Kurtt described one event when some Wartburg students caught some Luther students trying to cause trouble on campus, so they shaved the Luther students' heads and branded them each with a big "W" using black walnuts.

Wartburg students also were once caught trying to plant an explosive in the Luther football field, according to Kurtt.

"I hope the shenanigans that occurred then will not surface again," said Kurtt. "It wasn't healthy for either school."

"It always gets kind of out of hand," said Striepe.

Torkelson said Wartburg students painted Luther's Martin Luther statue orange more than once.

Pranks have been much more creative in recent years, he said.

"The best prank of all occurred when I was an admissions counselor at Wartburg," said Hamm.

"I received a phone call one day from a student from the Twin Cities. He asked if a friend and he could come for a

CUTTING THE CAKE—KWAR staff and DJs shed their disguising Luther garb to flaunt their orange and black Wartburg signs and apparel.
(From left: senior Paul Rademacher, sophomore Chris Thomas, juniors Kerry Weldon and Julie Huffman and sophomore Aaron Buzza)

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campus visit the following Friday. ... The men's basketball game ... would be that evening, and it was between Wartburg and our archrival, Luther. He asked if they could attend, and I told them the tickets were already sold out, but that I was sure we could accommodate a couple of prospective students.

"The students arrived on Friday, took a tour of the campus, had dinner in the cafeteria, saw the game and stayed overnight in Clinton Hall," said Hamm.

Hamm said Monday he received a phone call from Dr. James Fritschel, then director of the Wartburg choir, asking what a Wartburg student was doing hosting two Luther students that Friday.

"We'd been had ... and big time. These guys knew this was the only way to get tickets to the game, and they got them without charge," said Hamm.

Hamm said Larry England, the Wartburg student who hosted the Luther pranksters, responded by publishing an "underground newsletter" containing Wartburg proganda and distributing it throughout the Luther campus.

"No one at Luther ever knew the source," said Hamm.

Recent pranks on Luther seem to have some sort of resemblence to this past Luther prank, one involving Wartburg propaganda and the other involving Wartburg students disguising their identity to gain access to the Luther campus.

However, Waldstein said "It's really difficult to make a comparison between then and now."

In 1996, David Max, '98, and Jeff Huber, '99, executed the great "Air Drop," when they flew an airplane over the Luther campus and released a load of flyers containing Wartburg propaganda onto the ground below.

Even though the flyers landed slightly off target, a junior Luther student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she thought it was pretty funny.

And last year, the staff and friends of Wartburg's radio station, KWAR, played a prank on Luther the day of the Wartburg/Luther football game at Luther.

The group, pretending to be a church youth group from Lacrosse, Wisc., enjoyed a guided tour of the campus and Luther's radio station, ate lunch in the cafeteria and received free tickets to the football game. All the while, the disguised Wartburg students were sticking KWAR bumper stickers all over campus.

"I was looking for a way to begin a rivalry between KWAR and KWLC," said senior Jay Boeding, KWAR station manager and leader of the group. KWLC is Luther's campus radio station.

After the prank, the pastor of the church received an angry phone call and a bill for the students' expenses, according to Boeding.

"I sent them a check, and I was happy to do it," said Boeding.

"That was the first [prank] KWAR has ever done ... and it won't be the last," Boeding said. "We are trying to increase the rivalry again because it's fun."

Boeding was right. It wasn't the last KWAR prank on Luther. The history of the Wartburg/Luther rivalry wouldn't be complete without this year's prank.

"The whole idea was Jay's," said junior Erin Sandquist, KWAR promotions director, who helped plan the event.

"About a month and a half ago, we were brainstorming about what we were going to do this year," said Boeding.

When they found out that the day of the Wartburg/Luther football game was Luther's Homecoming, Boeding and the KWAR staff came up with a plan to "infiltrate" the Luther campus by sneaking into their Homecoming parade.

"We were really excited about it. We knew we could do it," said Sandquist.

Kate Sundquist/TRUMPET

THE ONE—Juniors Julie Huffman and Jaimie Ede followed by loyal Wartburg supporters proclaim Wartburg's KWAR as "The ONE" atop the station's float in the Luther Homecoming parade.

The group disguised themselves as "The Organization of Nature Enthusiasts" (The ONE), a fictional Luther College student organization.

Boeding said all the pranksters got up early Saturday morning and drove to their set meeting place in Decorah.

"Everyone was really nervous [Saturday] on our way up there," said Sandquist.

The trailer that The ONE was supposed to decorate was a half hour late arriving, and it started raining, so the original plans had to be slightly modified, Sandquist said.

Boeding said that once the trailer was decorated with Luther signs, and everyone had on their Luther clothing, they got in position at the parade line-up.

"We got in in front of the Shriners," said Boeding.

Once the "Luther" float was in front of the observation stand where KWLC was broadcasting the parade live, "we cut the cake," said Boeding.

"We ripped the Luther signs off the vehicle ... and showed our Wartburg stuff," he said.

"The look on people's faces — they were stupefied," said Sandquist.

"People were shocked. They didn't know what to make of it," said Boeding. "About 40 students, Wartburg students who were at the parade, fell in line behind the float and marched with us."

The ONE broadcasted live from its float the entire parade.

"The Luther students were good sports about it," said Boeding. "They congratulated us and were laughing about it."

"It was such an adrenaline rush to know we had pulled off this huge prank," said Sandquist.

So the Wartburg/Luther rivalry, along with the pranking tradition, continues.

But what will happen next year when Boeding, "the mastermind," has graduated?

"We'll just call Jay next year and see if he'll be our honorary advisor," laughed Sandquist.

However, Sandquist added that the staff of KWAR is quite creative.

"It wouldn't surprise me if they already had something planned for next year," Sandquist said.

What will happen next year? Will Luther retaliate?

It remains to be seen, but somehow since the rivalry began, there have always been pranks and intense competition.

It's just a part of Wartburg tradition.

A SIGN OF DISAPPROVAL—An anonymous Norse fan shows his displeasure as he watches the KWAR crew pass by him in the parade.

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EDITORIAL

T-shirts not in the spirit of the rivalry

We don't mind a good joke.

Sneak into Luther's Homecoming parade? Sure.

Bombard Decorah with fliers? Great.

Burn a "W" on the Luther football field? Not especially creative, but acceptable.

Wear t-shirts with anti-Luther slogans? Not this year.

The 1998 version of the anti-Luther wear is not a worthy addition to the annals of the rivalry.

Past Wartburg-Luther shirts have questioned Norse intelligence, athletic prowess and breeding. While they weren't Pulitzer-caliber material, they got the point across with a certain amount of humor and a clever turn of phrase.

However, there is nothing funny or clever about this year's t-shirt, which shows a burly knight asking a busty Luther babe "Who's your daddy?"

The depiction of Luther as a woman to be conquered isn't something to joke about — and we're not trying to protect the manliness of Norsemen.

Portraying women as victims is offensive and insensitive. It perpetuates an attitude of sexual objectification that belittles the societal advances women have made through the years.

It's disappointing that some Wartburg students have embraced a shirt that lauds a strong man — a Wartburg man — riding away with the spoils of war. The latest in t-shirt genius invites us to medieval Europe, but the shirt's front isn't exactly a call to good ole' fashioned chivalry.

The back of the shirt tries to flirt with vulgarity, but succeeds only in crudely approximating a not-so-nice request of our rival. Would you wear it in front of your parents?

It may not be so inconceivable that a person would come up with this idea for a shirt, but to think that Wartburg students actually bought the shirt is.

We should be embarrassed, appalled and disgusted at the thought of associating ourselves with the image these t-shirts portray, but a few Knights are not.

The pride we take in our school, ourselves and our medieval German heritage should be exhibited in our actions. By wearing this shirt, we are not showing this pride. Instead, we are showing how low we can stoop.

Good-natured pranks and slightly bawdy shirts are all part of the college rivalry landscape, and it's an important aspect of being a Knight.

We don't mind a good joke. What we mind is the crudeness and lack of creativity that was portrayed this year.

Wartburg sidewalks good only for aesthetics

John Borleske
Guest columnist

The shortest path between two points is a straight line.

But not necessarily at Wartburg.

Every day I walk from my home in the Manors to class in Whitehouse Business Center, to work in the Communication Arts Center, to the cafeteria and to an endless number of buildings around our campus.

When walking from point A to point B, I am left with a puzzling decision: Do I take the shortcut across the grass, or do I take the long, winding sidewalk?

I definitely appreciate the aesthetic beauty Wartburg's sidewalks create. Patterns of squares, rectangles, triangles, circles and semicircles — all of those geometric shapes put together in any way your eye wishes.

Someone once tried to tell me Wartburg's sidewalks actually spell out "W-A-R-T-B-U-R-G." Somehow I still haven't figured how that circle around Old Main fits in.

But as much beauty as the sidewalks create, it is the lack of sidewalks that creates those ugly, muddy paths of dead grass across our lawns.

I often feel guilty walking on those paths, but in the interest of my precious time, sometimes my desire for efficiency outweighs my guilt.

I suppose the ideal of sidewalk efficiency at Wartburg would have been to build all of the buildings at once, wait six months to see where student's paths are and then pour the sidewalks on those paths. But in that case, aesthetic beauty would be sacrificed, and problems would arise with new buildings or demolished buildings.

There are many little things about Wartburg's sidewalks (and the lack thereof) that just do not make sense to me.

When I leave the Waverly Manor, walking toward the non-existent cross-walk on Fifth Avenue, I slip and slide down the gentle slope of muddy filth as I cut across the grass. The boulevard is also muddy — and it hasn't rained for three days.

Having successfully dodged traffic on Fifth Avenue, I am pleased to walk on the straightest line on campus—the firelane behind Clinton Hall. Oops. Here comes a car, and I don't want to get hit. I guess I'll walk through the mud next to the Schield Stadium fence. I think, "Wouldn't a sidewalk make sense here?"

I get past Founders and continue my trek toward the Fine Arts Center. Oh, look. They're pouring concrete today for the library addit—SQUISH. More mud, runoff from the construction. That's okay, the improved library will have a coffee stand.

"Excuse me. Oops. Excuse me. Hi. Sorry. I'll wait." Becker Hall classes just got out, and the mob is trying to get out of there as quickly as possible. Too bad the sidewalks are too narrow for three people, because there are 20 headed right towards me! But excuse me, I'll move aside — outnumbered and already muddy.

Narrow sidewalks, winding sidewalks, absence of sidewalks, a random ramp into a street.

Really, it is no big deal. We deal with these little quirks. We walk in front of cars, kill the grass, make our own paths, and as a result, our shoes get dirty. No big deal.

The skywalks are great where they are available. We have a beautiful pattern of sidewalks on our campus. But sometimes I wonder if it's more beautiful to have an X of concrete across a worn lawn, or leave that ugly, muddy trail.

Regardless, I would imagine that Wartburg could afford the smaller project of pouring some new paths, especially spots farthest from the campus mall. I bet they could foot the bill to widen the sidewalk in front of the library. There are many little things that could make our footpaths more efficient without sacrificing the beauty.

As for me, will I walk on the sidewalk, or will I cut across the lawn? Well, I'm late. Got to get to class ...

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Word to the wise: bring back lyceum

Tim Bottorff

The American author Mark Twain said, "the difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug."

Indeed, whether we recognize it or not, the words we use, and their various subtle shades of meaning, greatly affect the impression we make on others.

Too often, however, we are careless with our vocabulary and fail to communicate as clearly as we otherwise might. To illustrate my point, I choose an example familiar to all Wartburg students and faculty.

As someone with a keen interest in etymology (that is, the origin of words) I have always wondered to myself, what the heck is a "convocation"? Even when I was a blissfully ignorant freshman going to my first Tuesday morning "convocation" at Wartburg, the word troubled me.

Convocation essentially means "the act of convoking." A group of people might "convoke" (that is, assemble, convene) for a variety of reasons, not only to listen to a speaker, which is what normally occurs at Wartburg's convocations. At its root, "convoke" simply means "to call together."

But judging from the usual turnouts at these events, such a word seems ambitious at best. Can't Wartburg do better than this sterile word?

Wartburg can, and, in fact, it used to. Many years ago, before someone opted for the mundane "convocation," Wartburg students used to go to "Lyceum."

Lyceum is a sturdy old word with a tradition that began prior to the birth of Christ. Meaning "a hall in which public lectures, concerts, and similar programs are presented" or "an organization sponsoring public programs and entertainment," lyceum is based on the Greek Lukeion, the name of a school outside Athens where Aristotle taught and developed public oratorical skills circa 335-323 B.C.

A scholar on the issue asserts that lyceum "reappears periodically in the development of Western culture, denoting, for example, the gymnasium/library in Cicero's Tusculan villa, and the English Opera House built in London in 1794."

In more recent American history, the Transcendentalists of the mid-1800s often delivered their influential lectures at lyceums.

"Life Without Principle," one of Henry David Thoreau's more famous lectures, begins with this sentence: "At a lyceum, not long since, I felt that the lecturer had chosen a theme too foreign to himself, and so failed to interest me as much as he might have done."

So, too, does "convocation" fail to interest me, for its meaning is too foreign to the event's purpose. The word is so hideous that it is no wonder that we often shorten it to "convo."

Simply put, convocation is a meaningless by-word of the 1990s; lyceum, on the other hand, is a vivid word befitting of a private, liberal arts college with a 150-year heritage. So let us invoke the Aristotelian tradition of rhetoric and bring the lyceum back to Wartburg.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to continue the ancient lyceum tradition with Pulitzer Prize-winning poet W. D. Snodgrass, a man who lives by words and their meanings.

Those particularly interested in modern poetry are encouraged to attend Voecks Auditorium tonight at 7:00 p.m., where Snodgrass will present and discuss his book *The Fuehrer Bunker.* He will also be the lyceum speaker on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Neumann Auditorium, where he will present readings from his book *W.D.'s Midnight Carnival* alongside slides of corresponding paintings.

Try to attend one or both of these events, and pay special attention to the way in which Snodgrass creates intellectual lightning with a steady storm of vibrant words.

Brauhn finds delight in stale marshmallows

Allie Brauhn

Everyone has a favorite word. Personally, I love the words "free," Outfly" and "payday." Each of these words provides confirmation of something I had anticipated or expected.

Most of our favorite words are associated with positive outcomes. However, I have yet to find a person whose favorite word is "wait."

We hear it almost daily. "You'll have to wait three more days to receive your tests back." "I'm sorry, there's a wait-list for that class." "Wait for me. I'll be ready in a second."

I can almost see the blood pressure rising and the fingers drumming. We hate to wait. We would like to know, have or do something now so that we can get on to other things.

Waiting equals wasted time. Makes enough sense, right?

This week, I overheard a few education majors in a study session. They were discussing the concept of emotional intelligence.

One example included a test in which a child is put in a room with one marshmallow and told that if he waits for a given amount of time, he will receive two marshmallows.

Children who choose to save the single marshmallow in expectation of more later are said to have more successful lives. They understand that, as hard as it is to wait, is will prove beneficial in the end.

Perhaps we need to do the marshmallow test when it comes to prayer. We come to God in need of direction. Career paths, roommate conflicts and dating woes are among the topics of conversation with our heavenly Father. Many times in desperation we beg, "God, I really need your help on this one." He hears. He begins working. We wait a few minutes, or maybe even a few days.

When we don't see results, we casually say, "Here God, just let me do it. I can't afford to wait that long." We look like a child fighting to dress herself, only to trip on her untied shoes and walk out the door mismatched and wearing pants on her arms.

We do our best but realize that our lack of knowledge has gotten the best of us. The fact that God knows best how to take care of us simply doesn't register. The word "wait" equals wasted time, and we'll have none of that.

Perhaps we don't need to be in a room with a marshmallow to know the level of our patience. For me, a single-day trial is sufficient to see that, like the impatient child, I am often stuck with sticky fingers and left victim to my own determination. My attempts prove to be failures, and I find myself again praying and waiting ... but only for a few days.

God has a plan to work everything out for good for those who love Him. If I could only wait for that good, instead of demanding immediate results, I would see the fullness of God's promise.

If I could forgo that single marshmallow of convenience, in His time God would place me in a pool full of white fluff.

In the Bible, we are told to "wait on the Lord." This command should be highly exciting to us. The word "wait" implies a promise. Our expectations will be met. Our supply of marshmallows (or direction, confidence, wisdom) will be abundant.

The psalmist had a similar desire for expedient results: "Oh, Lord, come quickly to help me" (Psalm 40:13). However, in the same breath is the testimony of God's faithfulness: "I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry" (Psalm 40:1).

If God Himself were to run the marshmallow test on us, He would be most pleased with an enormous pile of stale marshmallows. Would you be in that pile, or would you be hiding sticky fingers?

The Lord longs to be gracious to you ... Blessed are all who wait for Him! Isaiah 30:18

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KWAR staff thanks students for support

KWAR staff would like to thank everyone involved in our trip to Decorah Saturday. We appreciate those who joined in the parade with us and everyone listening back at Wartburg. We appreciate your support as we went through every turn of the parade.

We didn't know what to expect, but the Luther students were very good sports and enjoyed the stunt as much as we did. We were happy to see this, because this rivalry isn't about negative behavior, it's about having a good time.

The most exciting part about the event was the response and support of the audience back home. It was rewarding to bring this event to you live on the air and have you with us as we paraded through the streets of Decorah.

We like what we do, and we're happy that you like what we're doing as well.

Thank you for your support of KWAR and thanks for making us the ONE for college pranks.

KWAR staff

Editor's note: The coverage of KWAR's infiltration of Luther will be rebroadcast on KWAR 89.1 FM at 10 p.m. today, 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Luther shirts don't represent Wartburg

On behalf of the comments I have received from alumni and fellow staff as well as my own personal feelings, I am compelled to share the following.

It seems a negative blot on the character of Wartburg College to have our students selling and wearing the latest in a series of Wartburg/Luther T-shirts. Spirited rivalry is one thing. Tactless behavior, poor taste, and lewd/rude comments are another.

Wartburg is a winner, and the actions of these students perpetuating the above does not reflect that. Moreover, it is not a tribute to the athletes who are dedicated to playing their best and representing the college well. Why can't the fans be good sports and exhibit quality manners as well?

These feelings are based also on the behavior of some Wartburg students at the last Wartburg-Luther basketball game in Decorah.

We would like to be proud of all Wartburg students as well as our athletic teams.

Jan Striepe
Director of alumni and parent relations

Wartburg West teaches Herman to appreciate life

While I have been in Denver, I have learned more from my internship placement than some classes I have taken at Wartburg.

My placement is at Craig Rehabilitation Hospital, a very prominent hospital that is known nationally and worldwide for its excellence in rehabilitation. Craig specializes in rehabilitation for spinal cord and traumatic brain injury patients.

As I have spent time getting to know the patients and watching them during their rehabilitation process, I have learned what patients are feeling. One of the most important things I have learned is to live life to the fullest.

You see, many of the spinal cord patients at Craig vary in the severity of their injuries. One of the things I do not think able-bodied individuals realize is that there is a total life change.

As I have met many spinal cord patients, I begin to think how many of their opportunities will be limited. There are some college students who worry about a grade or getting a job right after college. Well, you know what? Many of you will still have opportunities if things do not happen the way you planned. I notice that many individuals get worked up if things do not go their way.

Yet, what is the point of getting worked up if you still can walk and you can still live life in a normal functional way? Getting worked up about a grade is minor compared to never walking again. Getting worked up about a grade is minor compared to not having the opportunity to feed yourself.

So, for many who are wondering about what Wartburg West is and what it is about, well, this is it. Wartburg West is a learning and growing experience. For every student who has the opportunity to participate in Wartburg West, I highly recommend it!

Jeff Herman
senior

Wartburg wins own invite

Knights defeat Luther

by Janna Swedin
Staff Writer

Dinking around in Decorah Tuesday, the Knights volleyball team succeeded in knocking down the Norse of Luther College in four games.

In game one, the Knights reigned victoriously by a score of 15-13.

Courtesy of Communication Arts
THE WIND UP—Senior Sarah Hinrichs soars above the net to spike a set from Sarah Nederhoff.

"Luther was ready for us. They always have a good crowd, and we were excited to play them because of the rivalry," said sophomore middle hitter Jenni Donohue.

Lacking communication in game two, the Knights were handed a 15-12 loss.

Turning around, the Norse took a nose-dive in game three, losing 15-6. This helped raise the Wartburg record to 2-1 in the match. With two possible games to go, the Knights finished fiercely with a score of 15-10 in game four.

"We didn't let their crowd get to us," said senior setter Sarah Nederhoff. "We played our game and stuck together as a team."

Lynching Luther at the net was Donohue, who hammered 18 kills on offense and came in second on the team with a hitting percentage of .293. On defense, five block assists were stacked under her name.

"Jenni had an awesome game," said Head Coach Jennifer Semler. "She could crank."

Nederhoff also put up incredible numbers. Going 15 for 24 in kills, she led the team with a .583 attack percentage. In the setting position she recorded 46 set assists, and on defense she passed up 16 digs.

Senior outside hitter Deb Behne was also a leader at the net, pounding 13 of 38 for an attack percentage of .237. In the back row Behne passed up 18 of the total 105 defensive digs. From behind the serving line, Behne lead the team in aces with three.

Capitalizing on Luther's 33 hitting errors, compared to Wartburg's 18, the Knights were able to put up 11 total team blocks.

The team will travel to the University of Dubuque tomorrow to take on the Spartans. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Tournament action

This past weekend, the Knights volleyball team raised their record to 16-1 overall, claiming the championship plaque of a tournament they hosted.

Wartburg took wins from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Carroll College and Mount Mercy College.

The toughest match of the tournament was against UW-La Crosse, who forced the Knights to go four games.

"We tried some new things," said Nederhoff. "We knew La-Crosse was going to be good and this would be a good time to do different things."

"It is always fun to sit back and just be able to watch," said Semler. "The girls show that they are confident and they know how to play."

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PURE CONCENTRATION—Senior Sarah Nederhoff sets one of her many chances during the tournament. She recorded 46 total set assists.

A crowd of Wartburg supporters herded into the gym to see the Knights in action.

"Its always nice to see such great fan support, especially on a Friday night," said Semler.

In the upcoming weekend of Fall Break, the Knights head to Pella to play in the Central College tournament. Taking on such teams as the host of the tournament and Nebraska-Wesleyn Saturday, followed by Iowa-Wesleyn and Bethel College, the Knights will have a busy weekend.

"This is going to be another huge, good, tough experience for us," said Donohue. "We will do excellent."

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Harriers fare well nationally

by Scott Eager
Staff Writer

The Wartburg harriers ran Saturday at the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse and faced competition from more than 40 teams.

Overall the men placed ninth and the women seventh in a field of more than 500 runners on each side.

"We had to really step up because of all the nationally ranked teams. It made for a very challenging race," said coach Steve Johnson.

The men's top runner was T.J. Craig, who finished 13th in 25 minutes 37 seconds.

"T.J. was very impressive under the rainy and damp conditions. He competed at All-American status," Johnson said.

Other finishes include Ryan Harms, who, despite having leg cramps, placed 25th at 26:00. Tom Zirbel was 67th, and Kendel Ricklef ran a lifetime best in 26:41. This time earned him 69th.

Rounding out the Wartburg men's top seven were John Bergman and freshman Matt Cook who finished 105th and 123rd respectively.

"We did well. We will use the rest of the season to get better before the conference meet," said Bergman.

On the women's side, the team ran without their No. 1 runner, Heidi Ludvigson, who was out with a sore leg.

"Without Heidi, our youngsters really carried the load," said Johnson.

Trina Steines stepped up and was Wartburg's top finisher in 29th place at 19:16.

Freshmen Erin Van Zee and Stacey Ernst placed 44th and 46th respectively at 19:36 and 19:41.

Other finishes were Erin Ries in 65th, Kristi Blausberg in 76th and Amy Neal in 77th.

Kristin Nauman closed out the top seven in 85th.

"I thought I ran pretty good myself, but I think the team is pretty disappointed overall," said freshman Blausberg.

"We beat a number of nationally-ranked schools and lost to a number of them, but we did good," said Johnson.

The next big invitational is the Iowa Conference meet at Upper Iowa on Oct. 31.

The team members say their goal is to bring home four team championships, but they realize this is going to take a lot of teamwork and a little luck to accomplish.

"We're just going to work hard over the next two weeks, put our best performance on the line and see what happens," said senior co-captain Julie Leonard.

Tennis wraps up '98 season

by Frank Walsh
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team finished the season last Saturday with a 6-5 record.

"I felt like it was a good record," said Head Coach Steve McKinstry.

The team's last competition was the conference tournament, where the Knights placed fifth.

McKinstry said he was pleased with the way his team played on the last day of the tournament, when the Wartburg players won eight of their 10 matches.

The Knights graduate one senior, No. 1 player Ellie Miller, but the remaining five varsity players will return next season.

"There is a good core of returning starters," said McKinstry. "Central, Coe and Loras all have a majority of their starters returning next year as well."

"It's going to be another competitive year," he said.

Soccer teams hold out for strong finish

Women's Soccer

by Katie Rogers
Staff Writer

The Wartburg women's soccer team was overthrown by two teams last week: Central College 5-0 and Simpson College 4-2.

The Knights are now 3-10 in overall games, and 1-7 in Iowa conference games.

In Tuesday's game against Central, senior Ruthie Schentzel said the Knights didn't play their best game.

"We got down on ourselves, especially in the second half, realizing that we were playing against a very competitive team," said Schentzel.

In response to Saturday's game against Simpson, Schentzel said the Knights played a more productive game. "We changed our focus from winning to having fun and working together as a team," said Schentzel.

Junior Christi Wickre scored the first goal of her college career in the Central game, while sophomore Natalie West scored the only other goal for the Knights.

Schentzel predicts a real positive ending to the season and expects the Knights to increase their record.

This week the Knights will host Waldorf College on 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Saturday the team will travel to Storm Lake to take on the Beavers of Buena Vista. Start time is set for 1 p.m.

Men's Soccer

by Deogratias Itandala
Staff Writer

Last week, the men's soccer team split its two conference games.

Tuesday, the Knights were at home against Central College and won 6-1.

Ishmael Mintah scored the opening goal for the Knights. Just a few minutes later, Mintah added a second goal from a penalty kick after being fouled in the penalty area.

Eduardo Ehapo scored a spectacular third goal for the Knights after receiving a pass and outrunning two Central defenders.

"It was a good game," said Ehapo following the game. Ehapo kicked his first goal of the season.

The other goal scorers were Ben Siriboe and Arthur Krimsky, who scored one each. Mintah ended up scoring three goals.

Saturday, the Knights lost 5-1 to the Simpson Storm in Indianola. By the end of the first half the Knights were already down 3-0. In the second half, the Storm added two more goals to wind up their win.

The Knight's only goal of the day came from Krimsky during the second half.

"It was our own mistakes that killed us," said defender Abdul Bangura. He said the Storm "capitalized on our mistakes, especially during the first half of the game."

The Knights' record is now 6-9 overall, and 3-5 in conference games.

This week the Knights have only one game when they travel Saturday to Storm Lake to take on Buena Vista.

The men will follow the women's game and will start at 3 p.m.

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Matt Hansen Sports columnist

What a weekend!

We have the start of the World Series, college and NFL games galore, soccer, cross country, hockey and the Luther football game.

The rivalry continued its trend of Wartburg embarrassing Luther on Saturday.

For the 12th time in 15 years, the Knights defeated the Norse, but this one seemed different, as the Norse seemed happy to play the mighty Knights closely for at least a half.

Maybe it's time to break off this long-standing rivalry. Both schools need to shop around for new schools to become rivals with.

In Wartburg's case, maybe we could call up Central or Simpson. They both have pretty competitive athletics.

Luther, well, you might want to consider playing either William Penn or Dubuque. Or better yet, how about taking on Decorah High School?

And how about those cool T-shirts Luther students had? They said something about them being smarter than us and being able to drink 11 beers in an hour. If you're so smart, why would you want to drink 11 beers in an hour?

And finally, Luther College, don't ever schedule us again for Homecoming!

I would also like to congratulate the volleyball squad on another great week.

After stomping Luther early this week, you ladies played outstanding volleyball as you won your own tournament.

I am predicting the Knights will win their tournament and get the No. 1 seed in the region.

Outside of Wartburg, my main story is the Hawks. They continue to be terrible. They are having their worst year in recent history with a 14-7 loss to Indiana.

The Hoosiers, who had not yet won a game in the month of October, broke through against the Hawk's defense by scoring a touchdown in the last second.

Hayden, you need to retire. You are so old, and when your team can't score points against Indiana, the season is bound to only get worse.

And finally, did anybody watch Luther's half-time show? I personally did not understand the whole performance. They had some old guy riding around the track on a Harley Davidson yelling something about Luther College students being the "Leaders of the Pack."

Maybe I misunderstood him, and he was talking about the 11 beers in an hour thing, saying, "Leaders of the Yack."

Needless to say, it was not overly entertaining. Come on Luther, is that the best you can do?

Until next week, think about that.

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Knights put damper on Norsemen's Homecoming

by Jake Byers
Staff Writer

The 6-0 Knights reigned over Luther's Homecoming, defeating their archrivals 43-14.

The Wartburg defense held Luther to 133 yards of total offense, while Wartburg's offense compiled 495 total yards.

Back-up quarterback Aaron Stensland took over for an injured Matt Wheeler. Stensland went 17-25 for 222 yards and a touchdown. Helping Stensland out was a rock solid rushing game led by Trevor Shannon with 110 yards and three touchdowns on the ground, including 74 yards in the air.

The Knights used consistent drives throughout the first half to dominate the score and time of possession.

Early in the game, Wartburg was left deep in its own territory after a bobbled kickoff return. The miscue left the Knights on their own 8-yard line. The Norse defense took advantage of this and forced a punt, giving Luther good field position.

"When you dominate a team for so long, the on-field rivalry dwindles a little, but it's always fun to play in front of the two hostile crowds who keep the rivalry alive."

—Scott Millburn
senior

Luther managed to go up early with a 51-yard drive for a touchdown. The extra point was good and Luther led 7-0.

The Knights didn't hesitate in crushing the hopes of the Norsemen. Wartburg scored on its very next possession on a 13-yard run by Tim Morrison to even up the score.

The defense got the ball back quickly, stuffing Luther on its three attempts.

The Knight's offense again thanked the defense with a drive and a score.

The snap for the extra point was bobbled by Ryan Rausch, but he managed to pick up the ball and pass it to Jeremy Hesse for a 2-point conversion.

Wartburg used its depth in the backfield on the next scoring drive. Shannon, Tyler Molstre and Luke Haughenbury all got action with the pass and run. Shannon finished the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Cody Teslow extra point made it 22-7.

GRACE AND PRECISION—Sophomore Tim Flynn grabs an outstanding pass from back-up quarterback Aaron Stensland during the 43-14 victory over the Luther Norsemen.

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WARTBURG SWARMS THE DEFENSELESS NORSE MAN—With the hard work and determination of the Knight's defense, Wartburg was able to hold Luther to 133 yards of total offense Saturday.

The defense continued to wreak havoc on the Luther offense, quickly forcing them to punt.

Wartburg relied heavily on the arm of Stensland in the final drive of the half. Stensland completed four passes during the drive, including an 8-yard toss to Tim Flynn for the score.

At the end of the first half the score was Wartburg 29, Luther 7.

Wartburg was plagued by turnovers in the third quarter. A Stensland interception, a Rausch fumbled punt and a Molstre fumble stopped Wartburg drives and led to another Luther touchdown.

Dave Devine's interception killed the Norse's drive and gave Wartburg the ball back to put the finishing touches on Luther.

The Knights capitalized on the Luther turnover. The drive was highlighted by a 25-yard pass from Stensland to Rausch.

Shannon scored on a 1-yard run. Again, the Teslow kick was good, making the score 36-14.

Wartburg's final scoring drive came early in the fourth quarter. A 23-yard pass to Doug Baethke from Stensland put the ball on Luther's 48-yard line.

Haughenbury and the offensive line pushed its way over the Luther defense, scoring on a 2-yard rush. The Teslow point after was good.

"When you dominate a team for so long," said senior Scott Millburn, "the on-field rivalry dwindles a little, but it's always fun to play in front of the two hostile crowds who keep the rivalry alive."

Prior to the Luther game, Wartburg was ranked fifth in the nation in the western region. Next week the fifth-ranked Knights take on the Dubuque Spartans in another conference match-up.